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The Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for his careful examination.

The number of claims now pending in this application is 31. Claims 1-27 are in their original form while claims 28-31 are added and are fully supported by the disclosure of the invention.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-6, 10-13, 17-21 and 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berlioz et al. (US 6,400,283) in view of Jones (US 4,495,806).

The Applicant courteously disagrees with the Examiner.

The Examiner states that «Berlioz teaches an apparatus for displaying a dynamic parameter of an aircraft including a processing unit receiving a selected display algorithm signal and a reading of a dynamic parameter and determining a display signal (column 3, lines 39-45) and a display unit receiving the display signal and displaying a scale and a pointer pointing to the scale (7, figure 1). Berlioz does not teach that the scale used in the Invention is a non-linear scale.»

The last sentence is correct. Berlioz does not teach that the scale used in the invention is a non-linear scale. However, the Applicant does not find, in the Examiner's Office Action, any arguments that support the Examiner's claims that other parts of the claimed invention are present in either Berlioz or Jones. Examples of claims limitations not in either Berlioz nor Jones are as follows: «selected display algorithm», «a scale that changes dynamically», and the fact that the scale changes dynamically and non-linearly «in accordance with the selected display algorithm».

In fact, the Applicant further points out that due to the mechanical nature of Jones' invention, it is not possible to provide the above noted features with the scale in Jones ('806). Jones has nothing to do with the claimed invention and the person skilled in the art would instantly recognize that.

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In view of the foregoing substantial differences between the prior art and the claimed invention, the Applicant believes that claim 1 is not obvious in view of Berlioz et al. ('283) in view of Jones ('806).

The Applicant therefore believes that claim 1 is patentable in view of Jones ('806) and Berlioz et al. ('283). The Applicant further believes that claims 2-17 are patentable in view of Jones ('806) and Berlioz et al. ('283) as they are dependent from a claim which is believed to be patentable in view of Jones ('806) and Berlioz et al. ('283).

For at least the reasons stated above, the Applicant believes that claim 18 is similarly patentable in view of Jones ('806) and Berlioz et al. ('283). The Applicant further believes that dependent claims 19-25 are patentable in view of Jones ('806) and Berlioz et al. ('283) as they are dependent from a claim which is believed to be otherwise patentable.

The Applicant believes that claim 26 and 27 are patentable in view of Jones ('806) and Berlioz et al. ('283) as they comprise limitations similar to those in independent claims 1 and 18.

The Applicant submits new claims 28-31. The Applicant believes that new claims 28-31 are patentable in view of Jones ('806) and Berlioz et al. ('283) since they comprise limitation similar to those of claim 1. Furthermore, claims 28-31 are fully supported by the disclosure.

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In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-27 is respectfully requested. It is believed that claims 1-31 are allowable over the prior art and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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